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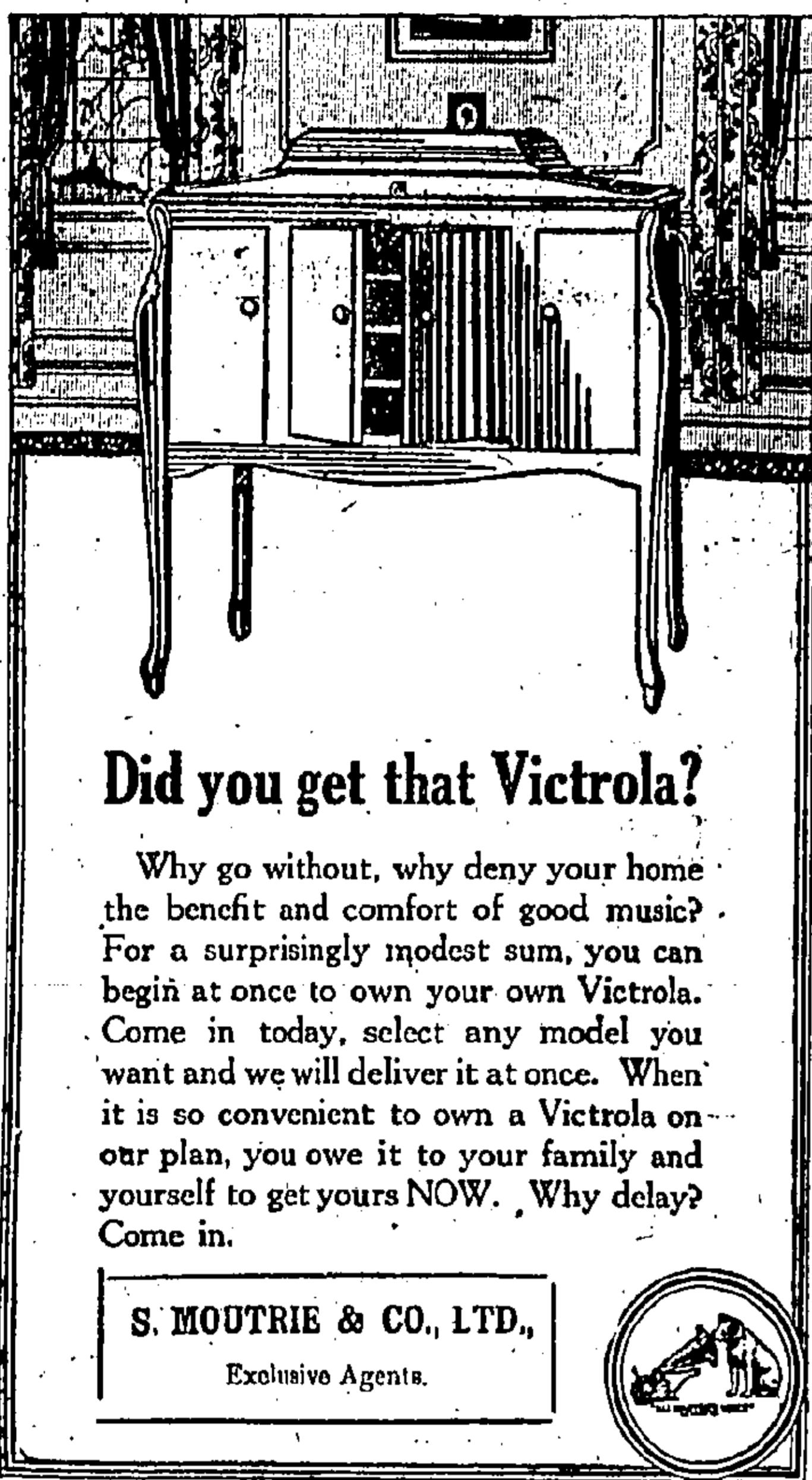
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### THE DOLLAR.

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### RUHR SITUATION.

#### AN IMPORTANT STEP.

#### BRUSSELS CONFERENCE EFFECT.

LONDON, March 14. Mr. Poincaré returns to Paris from Brussels to-day. His conference with M. Thénard marks an important step forward, for the announcement that the occupied territories will only be evacuated in accordance with the payments which Germany makes, following Chancellor Cuno's recent hint that Germany had relinquished her demand for the evacuation of the Ruhr as an essential preliminary to negotiation, is interpreted as foreshadowing the possibility at least of indirect Franco-Belgian German conversations.

A semi-official statement in Paris to-day denies that the conference discussed the revision of the Treaty of Versailles and says that questions relating to military occupation exclusively concern France and Belgium but the conditions to be submitted to Germany when conversations with her are renewed must be the subject of general discussions where with the British and Italian Governments will be associated.

Another decision at Brussels calculated to appease British traders was that German manufacturers who pay export taxes shall be permitted to continue deliveries to foreign purchasers under a special licence system.

The French papers commenting on the conference emphasise that a most categorical assurance has now been given that France and Belgium never had any idea of detaching the Ruhr from the Reich and still less of annexing it.

#### 180 GERMANS EXPELLED.

COBLENZ, March 13. The Inter-Allied Rhine Commission has ordered the expulsion of 180 more German officials, including 125 customs employees.

#### CRITICISM IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, March 13. In the House of Commons the Government's majority fell to forty-eight on a division on Sir John Simon's motion to reduce the Foreign Office estimates in order to draw attention to the increasingly grave events on the Ruhr.

A number of speakers criticised the Government's inactive policy, emphasised the danger of war and urged appeal to the League of Nations.

Mr. Asquith criticised the French policy and emphasising the enormous extension of the scope of the French operations on the Ruhr, said the encirclement of the British occupation area had strangled British trade.

Mr. Ronald McNeill, replying, reiterated the policy enunciated by Mr. Bonar Law and emphasised that the Government and country were still friendly to France. He said that while the Government fully recognised the deplorable seriousness of the position and that the difficulties had in some respects increased they were still as anxious as ever to maintain friendship with France and avoid a final break.

The motion was rejected by 249 votes to 201.

#### SOVIET AND CHURCH.

#### ARCHBISHOP ON TRIAL.

WARSAW, March 13. Messages from Moscow state that the Soviet Government trial will be opened on March 14 of Archbishop Cieplak and thirteen Catholic priests from Petrograd on charges of anti-Soviet activity in 1918 and refusal to hand over sacred vessels and other valuables belonging to the churches in Petrograd. The penalty for the former offence is death and confiscation of the property and for the latter it is 3 years solitary confinement.

#### THEATRE SEASON.

#### PINERO PLAY'S SUCCESS LAST NIGHT.

Last night's Theatre Royal audience will not speedily forget "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray". The Courtneidge-Holloway-London Company staged Sir Arthur Pinero's famous drama with ability rarely seen here. Without exaggeration, their performance can be described with that seldom-canned adjective - superlative. The leading role fell to Miss Cherry Hardy and superbly well she played it, skilfully delineating every shade of the second Mrs. Tanqueray's emotions - loving, jealous, and remorseful. Especially moving was her acting in the more impassioned scenes, when she excelled considerably in her performance. Miss Hardy's acting was, in one word, brilliant. Mr. Claud Allister played Aubrey Tanqueray. His quiet, convincing study revealed personality and ability also it contrasted admirably with the success achieved, warmly applauding during the play, and giving the company an ovation when it was over.

To-night the Company will stage the "Gardens of Allah." To-mor-

row night it will give "Abraham Lincoln" in which Mr. Holloway himself plays the title role. Mr. Holloway's impersonation of "Abraham Lincoln" has been described as a treat which one cannot easily forget. If the highest possible form of true art is to conceal art, then his "make-up," character study and dress are all as natural as it is more difficult to believe. Mr. Holloway is acting a part at all. It is no easy task to make so much of John Drinkwater's faithful drawing of the character of Abraham Lincoln but Mr. Holloway achieves it with a fine sense of realism and mannerisms of America's greatest President. He makes Abraham Lincoln a human, living being.

Mr. Ernest Handley, the representative of a Bradford firm, died in the isolation hospital at Tientsin last week. He had arrived in Tientsin from Shanghai no later than February 25, and was taken ill with smallpox the following day.

### BRITISH TRADE.

#### RUHR DISLOCATION FELT.

#### NEED FOR ECONOMY.

LONDON, March 13.

Sir Eric Geddes, addressing the Federation of British Industries at Birmingham, doubted whether the trade improvement of 1922 would continue owing to the dislocation arising from the occupation of the Ruhr which would cripple German industry and impair the productive capacity of France and Belgium, both reacting unfavourably throughout the world.

We required increased capital to employ the increasing population but the country was being taxed out of existence. It seemed unlikely that there would be any surplus of national income over expenditure to add to our available capital. Recent estimates were not encouraging. The Government was taking two years to effect the economies which the Geddes committee recommended carrying out in a year. He assured the Government the support of the trading community if it courageously explored further avenues of economy.

#### MORE IRISH EXECUTIONS.

#### REPUBLICAN LEADER PAYS PENALTY.

LONDON, March 13.

The Republican leader Crevey and another man named Keenan, who were arrested in February after a raid on a bank at Oldcastle and were sentenced to death by a court martial were executed at Mulligan Barracks to-day.

LONDON, March 13.

William Healy was executed at Cork to-day. He was arrested under arms during the recent attempt to burn the residence of the sister of Michael Collins.

#### THE DEATH TOLL.

LONDON, March 13. There was another execution in Dublin and executions at Wexford to-day. Altogether sixty-three have been executed in Ireland since the Government's adoption of a stern policy.

#### HOLY SEE'S PEACE MISSION.

ROME, March 13.

Monsignor Luzio, Regent Apostolic Penitentiary, and an ex-Professor of canon law in Ireland has gone to Ireland on a peace mission from the Holy See.

#### SINGAPORE NAVAL SCHEME.

#### SATISFACTION IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, March 13.

There is keen satisfaction in official circles at the Imperial Government's decision to create a naval base at Singapore capable of dealing with modern ships.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Bruce, expressed pleasure but declined to make further comment saying that the whole policy of Empire defence would be raised at the forthcoming Imperial conference.

#### LENIN ILL AGAIN.

HELSINKI, March 13. Lenin had an apoplectic seizure yesterday and his condition is serious. The Soviet Government is issuing bulletins.

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March 15.—Coronet Theatre, George  
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1923.

HIGH CITY RENTS.

Every day you hear them, these aed remarks about our high city rents. Just fancy, this shop costs—and here some incredibly big sum is named. That corner yonder, the rent (stated) is staggering. Mostly these figures, fabulous though they sound, are right enough. City shop rents are high—with the military lands still denied, artificially high. This is, of course, inevitable. Hongkong grows apace and the demand for shop room becomes ever greater. The supply, however, is limited. Indeed, it is actually decreasing. Banks and offices are fast displacing shops in the city's centre, either driving them further afield or squeezing them out altogether. Very soon only the biggest concerns will be able to keep pace with soaring rents. Smaller competitors, more and more, will have to remove to less central stances where their business will suffer accordingly. The ultimate effect of this tendency is obvious, yet nothing can be done until the military lands are handed over eventually—year's hence?

Meanwhile office space, not less than shop space is inadequate. As we have pointed out before, many businesses want room to turn round. Some have to put up with makeshifts in unsuitable quarters. Some, indeed, are still waiting. The China Mail would therefore repeat the suggestion it made some eight months ago. Many business men need little more than a desk, a stenographer, a telephone, and a good business address. Open some place where they can obtain these, renting the desk and paying the stenographer for work done. The venture would pay well, because in addition to permanent use by business men unable to find cheap office premises, it would be largely used by commercial travellers.

The person who first adopts the idea will not only perform what amounts to a public service; he will also find a very profitable business.

The school sports of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians have been postponed to Wednesday, March 21.

Command Orders publish an extract from the London Gazette to the effect that Lieut. H. R. Donovan R.G.A., retires on half pay.

Mr. N. I. Brewer has returned to the Colony by the s.s. "Nankin." He is now a barrister, having been called at the Middle Temple, and hopes to practise here.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the "President Madison" were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ferguson, Mr. John Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dollar, and Miss Alice Dollar.

Mr. Leopold Godowsky, the famous pianist, will pay a return visit to Shanghai this month after a very successful tour of Java, the Straits Settlement and the Philippine Islands. He is due to arrive there on March 24.

In no fewer than 33 schools in Japan "intelligence tests" have been substituted for examinations, and so successful is the system proving that the Education Department is making investigations into the possibility of introducing it throughout the whole country.

Three men, two women and a boy were kidnapped from a fishing boat off Cheung Muk Tau, near Sui Ah Chan Island, Tai O, on Monday. According to the Police report five or six armed men boarded the fishing boat and after stealing some money and a number of articles sailed off in a westerly direction. The kidnapped persons have not been traced.

The Chinese press states that the naval authorities at Nanking are at loss to know what they are going to do with the three gunboats purchased from Admiral Stark a couple of months ago. It was intended to repair the vessels, but this is impossible owing to lack of funds, so now man has been ordered to proceed to Nanking "to take care of them."

The final of the Shanghai billiards championships was played at the Town Hall on the 7th inst. and, as anticipated, Mr. R. C. K. Johnstone retained his title, defeating Mr. G. W. Porter by 58 points in a slow game of 1,200 up. The match was attended by a good number of spectators, who were enthusiastic about the play and were keenly interested in the very close finish.

TWO MONTHS AWAY.

STONECUTTER CHARGED  
WITH ROBBERY.

Sergeant James, of Stanley Station, charged a stonecutter before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Magistracy this morning, with having participated in a highway robbery on the Stanley Road on January 14.

The victim, living at Aberdeen, was stopped by two men who robbed him of \$10. in cash. Defendant had been absent from Stanley since the day of the crime. He had, however, returned a few days ago. As he answered to the description furnished, he was arrested and subsequently identified without the least hesitation by the complainant.

A remand was asked for to procure more evidence, if possible, and this was granted by his Worship.

LOCAL STRIKE.

DOCK CARPENTERS'  
DISPUTE.

Yesterday representatives of the carpenters employed by the Kowloon Dock Co., who are at present on strike for more pay and the contractors through whom they are engaged, met at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in an endeavour to come to terms. It is believed that the dispute will be settled very shortly.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Among the passengers leaving for London N. Y. K. S. "Hakone Maru" are Mr. E. S. Thellefson, acting traffic accountant of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Shanghai, who is accompanied by his wife and his step-sons, Masters Eric and R. Turnbull. By the same steamer, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris are leaving for Home on

The sailing ship "Thermopylae" was well-known in the Far East in the early days, when a fleet of vessels was always on the road to London with tea from China. The "Thermopylae" according to recent word from London, is now a school hulk at Lisbon, Portugal. She was an Aberdeen-built clipper, and the "Cutty Sark's" greatest rival.

Another step towards the lighting of the North Borneo Coast has been made. At Tanjong Unsang, a dangerous corner on the East Coast, a lighthouse is being built, and this is to be followed by one at Taganac Island, opposite the entrance to Sandakan Harbour. The completion of a scheme of coastal lighting is only a matter of time—and money.

The latest addition to the Robert Dollar fleet is the "Celtic," which has been purchased from the United States Navy. This vessel which was built in 1891 by Workman and Clark was purchased by the U. S. Navy during the Spanish-American war. Since then she has been used by the Navy as a receiving and refrigeration ship. The "Celtic" is 369 feet long, has a beam of 44 feet and a depth of 21 feet. She is 2,800 tons net register.

Mr. A. B. Puddicombe, of the Public Works Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council, has left with Mrs. Puddicombe for eight months' home leave. Mr. Puddicombe is well known for his work with the A.D.C., his last appearance having been in "What Every Woman Knows" where he took the part of Charles Venables the amiable diplomat. He is also one of the most expert amateurs in wireless telegraphy, having worked on the subject for several years past.

Captain J. Gosse, one of British Columbia's veteran pilots, has resigned from the B. C. Pilots' Association and will hereafter be Company pilot for the Blue Funnel Line. Two other pilots, Captain J. C. Fecte and Captain J. W. Butler, and, it is reported, Captain T. S. Gurn and Captain Edwards, of Vancouver, have also parted company with the B. C. Pilots. Their plans are unknown, but it would not be surprising if a third piloting organization came into existence.

Mr. J. E. Badeney, barrister-at-law, was last week admitted by Sir Skinner Turner to practice at H. M. Supreme Court in Shanghai. Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, Crown Advocate, in introducing Mr. Badeney, mentioned that he was a member of the Bar of Gray's Inn, obtained the degree of B. A. at King's College, Cambridge, and passed into the Indian Civil Service. He had also served in the Great War. His Lordship said he had much pleasure in admitting the applicant to practice at the bar of the Court, and wished him every success.

TOM WRT'S COLUMN.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG & WHAMPoa  
DOCK COMPANY, LTD.

The Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., submit their report for the year ending 31st December, 1922, as follows:

The gross profit for the year is \$1,508,452.79

After paying inter-

est..... \$268,194.60

and depre-

cating

plant.....

etc., by..... \$85,361.66

and paying

a bonus

to staff of.....

60,000.00

1,013,556.26

there remains a net

profit of.....

\$494,896.53

and adding

an amount

brought

forward

as per last

report.....

\$808,783.76

less interim

dividend

paid 1st

October,

1922.....

240,000.00

568,783.76

Leaves available a sum

of.....

\$1,063,680.29

which the Directors

recommend to be

appropriated as fol-

lows:

To pay a

final di-

vidend at

the rate of

10 per

cent per

annum or

\$5 per

share.....

\$300,000.00

To pay a

bonus to

share-holders

of \$3 per

share.....

180,000.00

To carry

forward

to new

account.....

\$83,680.29

1,063,680.29

Directors.—In accordance with Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election. Mr. G. M. Dredge and Mr. P. A. Cox retired from the Board on leaving the Colony, and Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. Allan Cameron were invited to join the Board and these appointments require confirmation at this meeting.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard has been appointed Chairman for the year 1923.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

DOCKYARD R.C. DEFEAT  
TITANIA.

At the Tai Hang range on Sunday, the Dockyard Recreation Club met the Titania in a Rifle League match and won by 95 points. The scores were as follows:

DOCKYARD R.C.

200 yds. 500 yds. 600 yds. Total

Mr. McGuigan..... 31 28 29 88

Mr. Lamerton..... 31 31 25 87

Mr. Brock..... 32 30 25 87

Mr. Pritchard..... 29 28 26 86

Mr. Wimble..... 33 26 26 85

Mr. Mayer..... 33 27 25 84

Mr. Gill..... 31 27 24 82

Mr. Cassidy..... 27 31 24 82

247 228 209 684

H.M.S. TITANIA.

200 yds. 500 yds. 600 yds. Total

Mr. Garrett..... 30 25 27 82

Mr. Parks..... 28 27 25 80

Mr. Oldham..... 31 25 24 80

Mr. Martin..... 30 25 22 77

Mr. Griggs..... 22 26 28 76

Mr. Sellers..... 23 22 23 68

Mr. Woolmer..... 25 27 12 64

Mr. Scott..... 30 18 14 62

SPORT IN CHINA.  
"THE GREAT AWAKENING."  
OUR HAPPY VALLEY PRAISED.

Mr. L. A. Cubitt, who is at present in Shanghai organising a Chinese football team for an Australian tour, contributes the following to the *Sydney Sun*—

Having been in Hongkong sufficiently long to view the picturesque surroundings of this mystifying land; I feel as though I would like to write about it, rather than of other things. But it would take too much space to do it justice; suffice it to say that it is a land of wonderful and fascinating mystery, and I can now understand, as thousands of writers have said, that the call of the East is irresistible to the Westerner.

It is of the athletic prowess of the men of this land that I wish to write, for that is the object of my visit.

On arrival I learned that my two colleagues, Messrs. H. H. Millard and J. Shaw, had covered practically all of the preliminary ground in connection with this tour. They were received by the Chinese people—the better class of people—i.e., a very enthusiastic and hospitable manner, and the gentlemen in whose hands the destinies of Chinese athletics have been entrusted welcomed them with open arms.

The University and colleges have interested themselves in this movement, and the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association has also taken a hand in it. In a subsequent article I shall deal with the work of this wonderful institution in the Far East.

The Hongkong Y. M. C. A. possesses a building which is the equal of anything in Australasia. And the Y. M. C. A. does more for the furtherance of sport in China than any other body in the country. It has an excellent gymnasium and a huge swimming pool. It was surprising to me to see the whole-hearted manner in which the lads connected with it—they are practically all Chinese youths—went in for their respective sports. Football, cricket, tennis, hockey, polo, basket ball, swimming, and practically every kind of sport, are keenly indulged in. And as each year goes by the numbers taking up sports are rapidly increasing.

#### No Sport in Summer.

There is a great awakening in the world of sport in the Orient. They have no special seasons for their various branches of sport as we have in Australia. Football and cricket are played side by side at the famous recreation ground, Happy Valley. The high percentage of humidity in the atmosphere during the summer months will not permit of athletic sports being played then, though, strange to say, I have been informed that the thermometer rarely, if ever, exceeds 90 degrees.

Therefore, the sports are all played in the other seasons—in the spring, autumn and winter. At the present time we are experiencing what they call midwinter; and it has not been cold enough for me to need my overcoat. It is much milder than an Australian autumn, and there has been no rain here for months.

Happy Valley is the finest little race-course that I have seen. It is situated, as its name implies, in a valley surrounded by wooded hills, and is 10 minutes ride by tram car, and 20 minutes by ricksha from the city. Of course, the rickshas are there in thousands.

The course is seven furlongs round, with an inner training track, and the horses race right-handed. The straight is about two furlongs. I shall speak of the racing in a subsequent article.

The whole of the inside of the course—that is, what we know as the flat—is allotted to sports. There one may find many football grounds, tennis courts, cricket pitches, baseball fields, and running tracks. And as there are only two race meetings a year, it can be readily understood that Happy Valley is more used as a sports ground than as a racecourse.

The most popular code of football at present in Hongkong is Soccer, because that is the only football code that is included in the Far Eastern Olympiad to be held in Japan in the course of a month or two. This great event is an annual one, and is conducted on the same lines as the world's Olympiad. The chief entrants so far are the Philippines, China and Japan, and no stone is being left unturned in each of these countries to secure the best talent.

Chinese "Form" Surprises.

When Messrs. Millard and Shaw arrived here they found most Chinese footballers aspiring to gain a place in the Soccer side, and they were engaged in trial games against Europeans and inter-port matches with Shanghai. I had the pleasure of seeing one of the games a few days ago. It was played before an attendance of 10,000 people, 95 per cent of whom were Chinese.

The form displayed by all the Chinese was really surprising to me. I am not an expert in the Soccer code, but I should judge that some of them were class players. They, Philippines, Japan,

DUST CART ACCIDENT.  
FOREMAN, INJURED.  
BREAKAWAY ON STEEP GRADIENT.

An accident to a Sanitary Department dust-cart in Elgin Street yesterday was responsible for a foreman being injured. He was taken to hospital.

After a house-cleansing round, the cart was going down a steep gradient with the foreman at the hand brake. He slipped and a wheel rolled over him. The cart then got out of control and ran into a grocery spilling all the refuse in the shop and damaging some of the stock-in-trade. The damage is placed at \$200.

#### HONGKONG FIRE DIVIDEND.

\$32 PER SHARE.

We are officially informed that, subject to audit, the general managers and consulting committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders to be held on 27th instant, the payment out of the profits for the year 1921 of a dividend of \$3200 per share, absorbing \$266,000; to pass \$200,000 to credit of Reserve Fund and \$16,604. 4. 3 @ ex: 2/24 = \$65,140.59 to credit of Reserve Fund, carrying forward \$631,693.38 in respect of the year 1922.

#### SUBMARINE ERUPTION.

#### TREMORS IN HONGKONG.

At the time of the volcanic eruption reported by the Captain of the "Wakasa Maru," namely, 3 to 4 p.m. on the afternoon of Friday, March 2, the seismograph at the Hongkong Observatory was quiet but at 0.53 mins 16 secs, after midnight on March 3 the preliminary tremors of a large earthquake commenced. The long or surface waves commenced at 0.56min. 53secs. a.m. and the movement died away at 2h. 55mins. a.m. The maximum movement was 20 mm. on either side of zero at 2h. 2min. 35secs. a.m. The estimated distance of the epicentre from Hongkong is 1600 kilometres.

#### HONGKONG HEALTH.

During the week ending March 10, the following cases of and deaths from notifiable diseases were reported:

Ten cases and twelve deaths from small-pox, one case of diphtheria; two cases (two deaths) of enteric fever, two cases (one death) of cerebro-spinal fever and one case (one death) of influenza, which is not notifiable, was also reported. All the victims were Chinese.

One Chinese case of enteric fever was reported on Monday.

One Chinese case of diphtheria, one Indian case of enteric fever (imported) and two cases of cerebro-spinal fever (one Chinese and one Filipino) were notified yesterday.

In a few months' time two big tugs of 20,700 tons each will be added to the fleet of the P. and O. Company. They are the "Malaya" and the "Mooltan" at present under construction at Belfast. When completed they will be the largest vessels in the P. and O. service.

ness of foot, and wonderful anticipation impressed me very much, and I should say that they will take to our own game like a duck to water. They have never had the benefit of instruction by anybody in either code of football, and they have been obliged to teach themselves the finer points of the game.

I was greatly impressed with one Chinese, a grand cut of an athlete, who, when racing after the ball, reminded me of Frank Burge; but whether he can attain the standard set by that master of Rugby is another matter.

Since their arrival here a little more than a month ago, Messrs. Millard and Shaw have done a vast amount of pioneering work in the way of establishing a Rugby League. They have promise of support from a number of prominent and influential gentlemen, who have decided to form a controlling body, which will be the first of its kind in China.

The supporters of sport in China appear to appreciate the broad-minded attitude adopted by the Rugby League in Australia and New Zealand in interesting themselves in Chinese athletics, and the enthusiasm with which they have received the project affords grounds for believing that the game will become one of the finer sports in the country. The material certainly is here, and if they can be induced to sustain their efforts for a few years they will make their presence felt in the football world.

IN CANTON NOW.  
SUN'S MEN IN POWER.  
TELEGRAPH STRIKE CONTINUES.

An official of the Chinese Telegraph's Administration in Canton, who came to Hongkong after the operators' strike, said in conversation with a *China Mail* reporter to-day that there is a deadlock in the telegraph suspension at Canton. Both sides are adamant and there is little probability of a settlement unless there is a new development.

Questioned as to the situation in Canton, the official said that nearly every civil post of importance is now occupied by Dr. Sun's adherents. He explained that though Dr. Sun had no direct military backing in Canton, neither the Kwangsi nor the Yunnan element would deem it wise to quarrel with him. To appease public opinion they had to profess loyalty to the *Mintang* cause. Further, there was also the question of balance of power. Militarists would view with alarm any attempts by a faction to extend its scope even if no immediate danger were threatened. It was to everybody's interests to see that no party got sufficiently strong to be able to dictate to the other.

He also ventured the opinion that the Kwangsi troops' movements were partly due to apprehensions that a time would come when they would be regarded as superfluous and steps would be taken to remove them. Their threatening attitude at present was merely to secure for themselves a permanent footing in Kwangtung province as Kwangsi could not support them. The telegraph official naively added: "Provided Sun refrains from interfering with Shum and is willing to take him into the fold, Shum will not interfere with Sun." There is a popular belief in Canton that Sun, remembering the treatment meted out to him by the Kwangsi militarists during the "Military Government" regime, does not unrestrictedly trust the Kwangsi-ites. They, on the other hand, are fully aware of this but will not push home their military advantage as it would be detrimental to their object of staying as long as they can. For these reasons, our informant thinks that there will be no trouble in Canton just at present.

As to Sun's plans for organising a labour corps from the superfluous soldiers, the official expressed the opinion that with the finances in such straitened conditions, very little could be done. Without funds to meet the enormous arrears of pay due to the various armies there was very little chance of getting the soldiers to relinquish their rifles, which are their "professional signboards."

Appointments have been made to this labour corps and orders issued for disbandment, but beyond this little has been accomplished. These are not the only factions in the public eye. Chen Chiung-ming's men are still soldiers in spite of Chen's downfall. They have either been incorporated into other corps or are roaming the country in small batches, waging guerrilla warfare wherever they go. Hsu Shung-chi's ability or otherwise to lead the Cantonese troops back to Canton will be the deciding factor. With the necessary military support, Sun will be able to put into effect the retrenchment and other public welfare schemes he has proposed.

YARN MARKET.  
FEELING OF DEPRESSION.

Under date March 14, Messrs. Polishwala & Kotwali report:

Since our last report on the 12th February per str. "Atsuta Maru," during the earlier part of the interval at the opening of the market at the Chinese New Year, much activity was displayed by the Chinese buyers for complimentary purchases which resulted in the sale of about 1,600 bales in 10s. and 12s. yarn of known chaps at an advance of \$1 to \$6 per bale but latterly the news of increasing brigandage and very insecure state of business and traffic in many consuming districts, have produced a depressing effect on our market, while several buyers, apprehending the present unrest, continuing for some considerable time, have commenced selling their holdings at \$6 to \$4 under the ruling rates, which has caused further depression and at the close the tendency is quiet and uncertain and although there must come out a strong inquiry by this time of the year, yet all prospects of a revival of business depend entirely upon the turn of political situation in Canton and adjoining countries.

The foreign holders are firmly holding out their stocks, owing to news of a very strong market in India where prices are \$4 to \$6 higher as compared with those of our place.

Total sales during the whole interval 2,130 bales.

Unsold stock 11,000 bales.

Bargin in Chinese hands 10,000 bales.

Arrivals from Bombay 5,000 bales.

Shanghai—Local mills are reported to have done moderate business after the Chinese New Year and market kept up steady.

Japanese Yarn.—During the early part of the interval, a substantial business had passed in this Yarn at an advance of \$4 per bale, but at the close there was very little inquiry owing to the unfavourable situation, as stated above.

700 bales Nagasaki No. 20s. \$225; 3 Horses No. 16s. \$212; 3 Horses No. 20s. \$217; 1,000 bales Yellow Joss No. 20s. \$222; Setsu No. 10s. \$197; Setsu No. 20s. \$228; Blue Fish No. 20s. \$226.

Raw Cotton.—Nothing of importance has passed in this staple commodity, but prices have remained very steady.

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H. BIRKETT,  
Clerk of the Club.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1923

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## SPECIAL

SATURDAY, 10th March..... 3 P.M. No Sailing to Macao.

SUNDAY, 11th March..... 4 P.M. S.S. "SUI TAI" to Macao.

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"CITY OF SIMLA"..... 24th March: Marseilles, London, Hamburg.

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"DONGOLA"	8,043	at 4 p.m.	MARSEILLE, LONDON & A'werp.
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"KARMALA"	9,000	2nd May	MARSEILLE, LONDON & A'werp.
"KASHGAR"	9,000	16th May	do.
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PLAQUE DISEASE DECLINING.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday afternoon, Dr. W. W. Pearce, Medical Officer of Health drew attention to the approach of the small-pox season and urged that measures be taken to avoid an epidemic here.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. G. R. Sayer (Head of the Department), supported by the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins (Director of Public Works), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. Ozorio, and Messrs. S. W. Tso, T. K. Wong, and J. A. Fraser (Secretary).

Dr. Pearce said that he had been informed that there had been a sharp epidemic of small-pox in Canton and two of the 26 cases in Hongkong had come from there. He said: "We are in the midst of the small-pox season and the public is warned to protect itself by vaccination." He then stated that he would like to give the Board some better news in reference to the plague. So far, this year, he said, they had only had four cases. One was a body found in the Harbour and three were in Kowloon and very scattered. On the island there had been no cases at all, whereas last year in March there had been 61 cases, none in Kowloon, two imported and 62 in Hongkong itself. "So you see disease this year promises to be very slight" he concluded.

ANIMAL INSPECTION.

A discussion ensued on the following motion proposed by the President:

"That the Board do introduce bye-laws embodying amendments of the Thirteen Club of New York defied fate in every way possible to their annual banquet. The feast was held at the Little Hungary (12 letters) Restaurant, and began at 12.15.

In order to reach the banquet hall the guests had to walk under a ladder. There were 13 tables, and 13 chairs at each of them. Thirteen persons sat at the chairman's table. 13 waiters served the diners, and the meal consisted of 13 courses. There were two sets 13 lights to illuminate the room.

Thirteen open umbrellas were distributed, and 13 skeletons dangled from the ceiling. It was the 13th time that Colonel John F. Hobbs had been elected Chief Ruler. Salt was spilled, and 13 mirrors were smashed. Some of the members used a coffin as a table, lighted candles being placed at the head.

military authorities. The main point was that certain animal disease, and particularly glanders, were contagious, and dangerous to human beings. If a case of glanders did occur to a human being, an enquiry was held, the Board would hardly discharge its responsibility by saying that it was left to the owners to kill any ponies suffering from contagious disease. The amendments, also, made it quite clear that certain individuals would not be allowed in the stables without permission of the Board. The second point was that the veterinary surgeon was definitely empowered to segregate animals which were notified to him as suffering from an infectious disease, or if he had reasonable suspicions that any animal was so suffering. Thirdly, when a police officer or a Sanitary Inspector, was notified by the owner of a stable that any of his ponies were suffering from infectious disease, or if he reasonably suspected this to be the case, he would have power to serve the necessary notice without first calling a meeting of the Board, as was now necessary.

The amendment was carried unanimously.

Speaking with reference to his original resolution, the Chairman said that hitherto it was very doubtful whether horses were included in their bye-laws or not. It was not clear that they were, and it was not clear that they were not. The Board would remember that about six months ago there was a serious outbreak of glanders, and they decided that, pending the final and thorough review of the bye-laws regarding animals, they would pass a special bye-law to cover horses. That was their definite intention. It was considered desirable, and essential that they should have control over equines as much as over other animals. English laws did not apply in this Colony because there was no valuable stock to be protected. As a matter of fact, owners of ponies here had always knocked any pony on the head immediately it showed signs of infectious disease. It was no doubt due to this fact that they had never, he thought, had any case of a human being infected by animal disease. But even if there were the only point to be considered, it still did not seem to him to be a very satisfactory state of affairs either from the point of view of the owners or from the point of view of the

## NEW BLUE FUNNEL LINER.

LAUNCH OF THE  
"SARPEDON."

The launch of the "Sarpedon," the first of a new class of passenger liners with which it is intended to maintain a monthly service to the Straits, China, and Japan, at present building for Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co., took place on February 2nd at the south yard of Messrs. Cammell, Laird & Co., Ltd., at Birkenhead. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Richard D. Holt, wife of one of the principals in the firm of owners.

The new vessel is of the well-deck type with one funnel, the raking stem adopted by the fine and elliptical stern. She is 517 ft.

in. by 62 ft. moulded breadth,

and 30 ft. depth and a load dis-

placement of over 19,000 tons, with a carrying capacity of 11,000 tons.

A cellular double bottom runs fore

and aft, and nine watertight bulk-

heads extend to the upper deck.

A fire-resisting bulkhead is built

between the upper and centre-

castle decks, and one between the

centre-castle and boat decks.

There are six cargo holds, No. 5

hold and No. 5 main and lower

'ween decks being insulated for

carrying refrigerated cargoes.

Fourteen steam winches, six

electric winches and 14 pitch

pine and 10 steel tubular

derricks (including one for

lifting 20 tons) are provided for

working cargo. Electric winches

are also available for operating the

lifeboats, which comprise accom-

modation for all persons on board.

A powerful steam windlass is

fitted on the forecastle deck.

Three sets of steam-driven dynamos supply

the various electrical appliances

and for lighting the ship.

A petroleum-engine-driven emer-

gency dynamo is fitted abaft of the

engine casing on the upper deck

for supplying current for lighting,

pumping, and radio-telegraphy in

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are on the boat deck, the engineers

and stewards on the upper decks

amidships, with firemen and sea-

men in the poop. The first-class

dining saloon, across the full

breadth of the ship, is at the

forward end of the centre-

castle. The lounge, smoke-room

and veranda cafe are on

the promenade deck, where large

promenade space is also provided.

A large children's play-room is

provided on the centre-castle deck.

A hospital is fitted up in a house at

the after-end of the boat deck, and

is arranged for males and females

independently. The decorative

work and furnishings throughout

will be carried out in substantial

and tasteful style, all being designed

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draught and superheated.

The designs of the hull have been

prepared under the supervision of Mr.

G. W. Barr, Messrs. Alfred Holt

and Co., naval architect, and

those who worked in

the shipyards were going to have

pre-war wages. Besides that, they

had got to make up their minds

what was going to be the

permanent basis in future of the

price of ships, and when that was

settled the public had to decide

that the freights and the passenger

rates they would pay would be

stabilised also. Another question

was whether shipbuilders were

going to have pre-war price

for their ships, and whether

those who worked in

the shipyards were going to have

pre-war wages. Besides that, they

had got to make up their minds

whether the public outside would

supply the goods needed at pre-

war prices. They could not have

half-measures. The same standard

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Mr. Lawrence D. Holt submitted

his resignation to the directors.

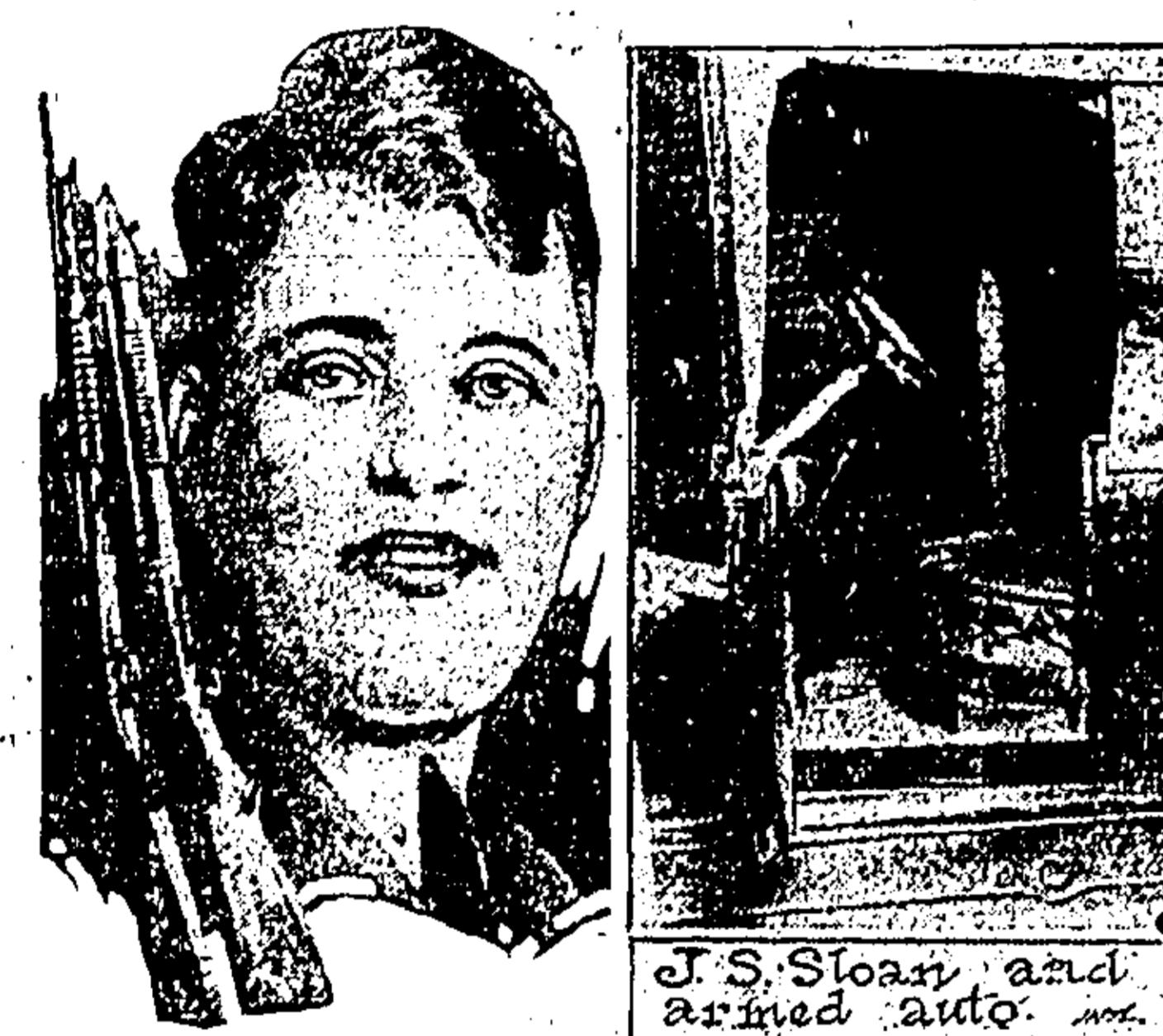
which had always been their characteristic from the very start. The name by which they were known, "The Blue Funnel Line," was an indication of their careful management and efficiency. When they got the second-hand ship with which they started they found a certain amount of cargo on board, a certain number of muskets, at certain number of bibles and a certain amount of blue paint. They did not waste the blue paint, but put it upon their funnels, which had been painted blue ever since. They were delighted to get the "Sarpedon" to build, not merely because they were able at long last to establish a connection at which they had "made sheep's eyes" for a long time, but also because work was slack at present. He would not do Messrs. Holt the injustice of saying that they placed that order with them for purely philanthropic reasons, but at that time they could hardly have rendered a greater service to Mersyours.

Mrs. Holt said she felt that so much kindness had been shown to her that she really could not stay quiet without saying "thank you" herself. No ship had ever been launched which took the water more beautifully than did

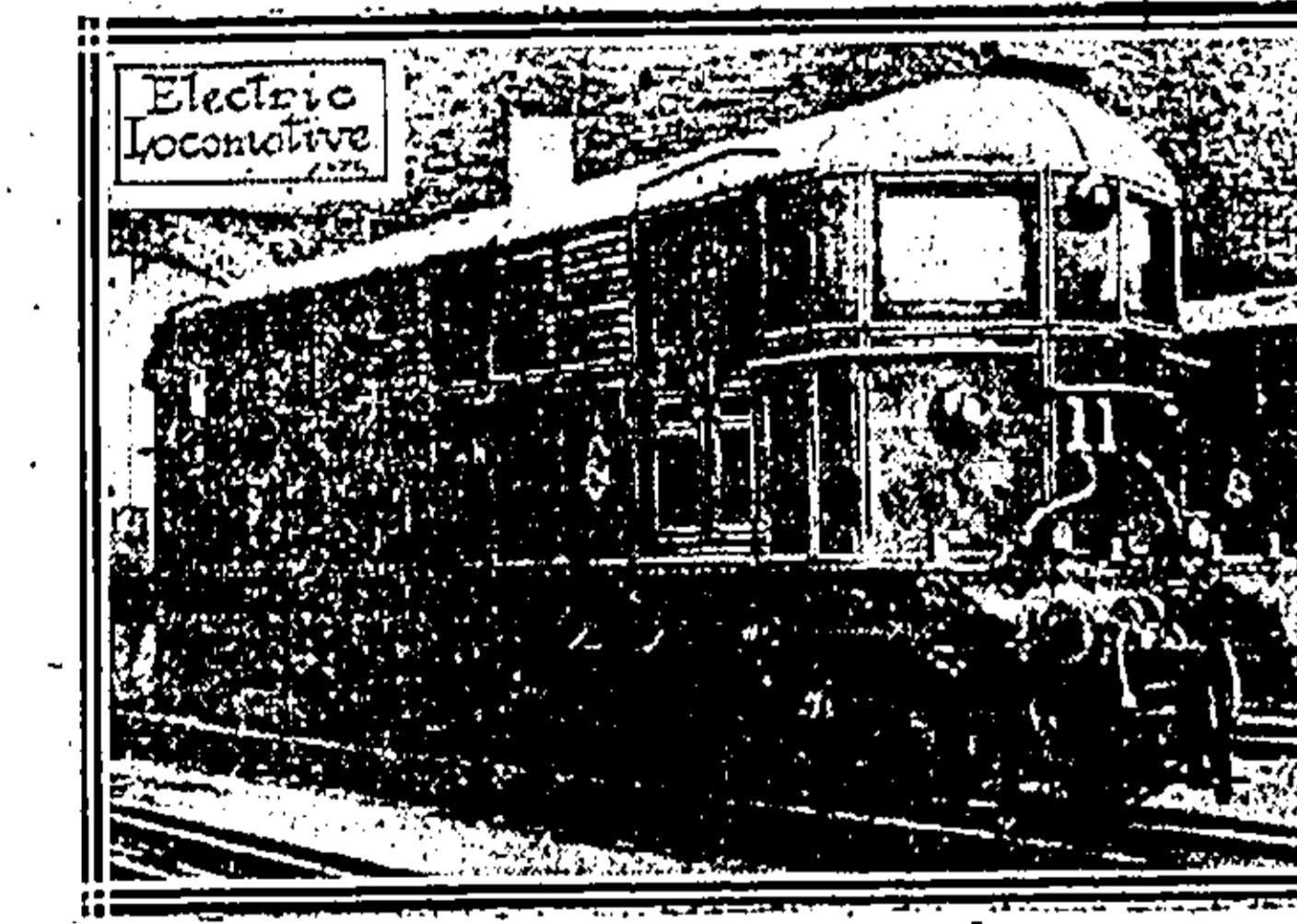




Although confessing she is fearful of mice, Miss Sheba Delhi, an English girl, makes terrifying boa constrictors her pets.



Believed-to-have-been-leader-of the sensational \$200,000 hold up of the Denver Mint recently cabled. Sloan's body was found in a motor car in a locked garage. The photograph also shows the guns and the car in which he was found. He is believed to have been killed by one of the shots fired by the guard and to have been left there by his accomplices.



The Diamond Jubilee of the London Metropolitan Railway was celebrated by the introduction of a new model of electric car and locomotive, which develops speed of 65 miles an hour.



William Gibbs McAdoo is probable Democrat candidate for the American Presidency. He is a son-in-law of Mr. Woodrow Wilson, and has held the posts of Secretary of the Treasury and Railway Administrator. He is shown here with Senators Carter Glass, David Walsh and Pat Harrison.



At the request of the Chilean Government a deep-sea diving expedition has sailed from New York to attempt to recover \$1,000,000 in tungsten, which was lost in a vessel sunk off Valparaiso. The expedition is headed by B. F. Leavitt, President of the Leavitt-Lusitania Salvage Corporation, who later proposes to go to the Irish coast in an effort to raise the "Lusitania," sunk during the war by a German submarine.



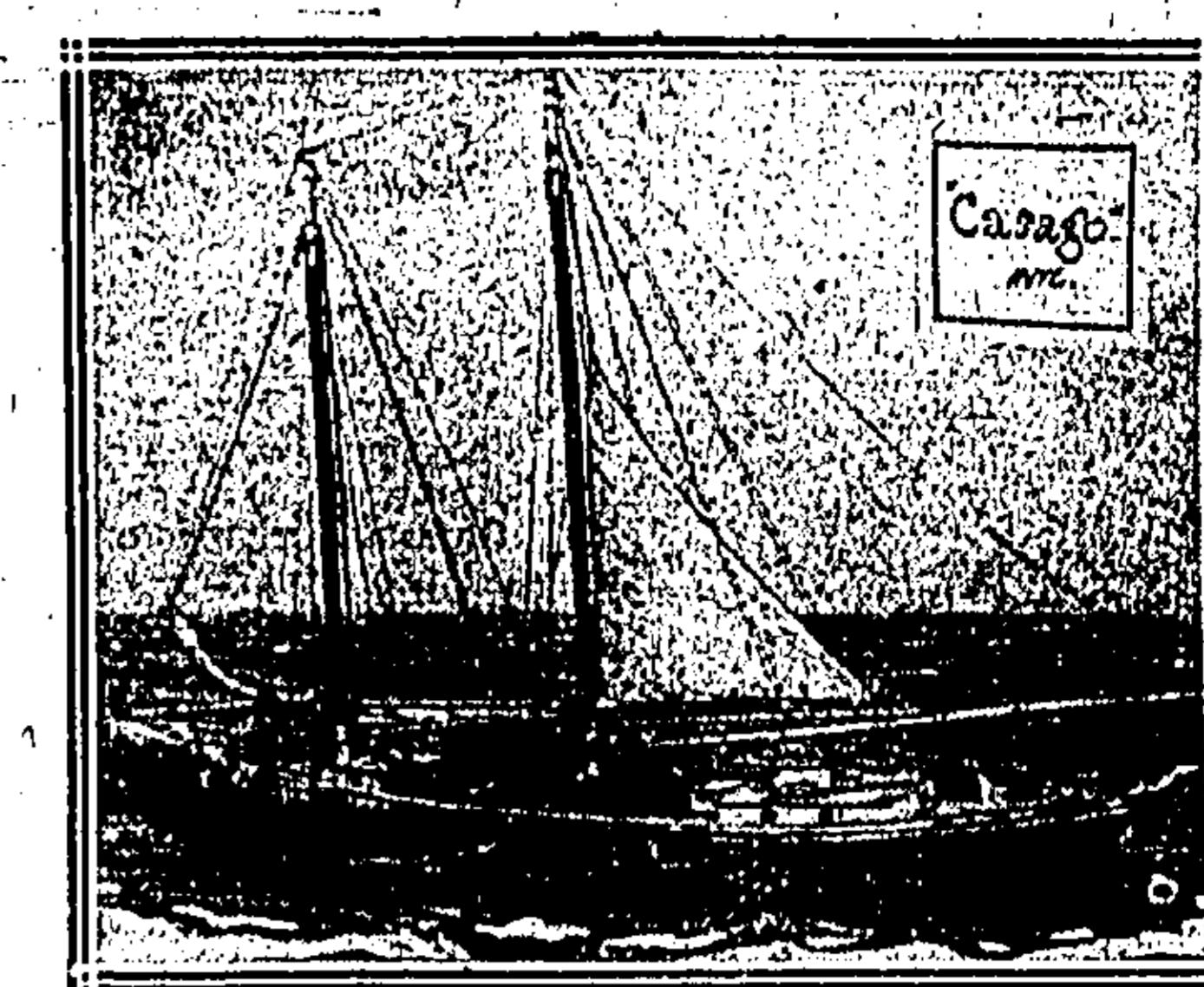
Lady Dorothy Mills, authoress and explorer, daughter of the Earl of Oxford, has started from England for West Africa. She has made several trips of exploration into Africa and this time will go as far as Timbuctoo. She is shown in her African costume.



Roland W. Boyden, Boston lawyer and financier, "the mystery man of two continents," acting as American "observer" on the Inter-Allied Reparations Commission, in Paris, has, by his recent actions, caused many politicians in Washington to ask: "Is he Colonel House No. 2?"



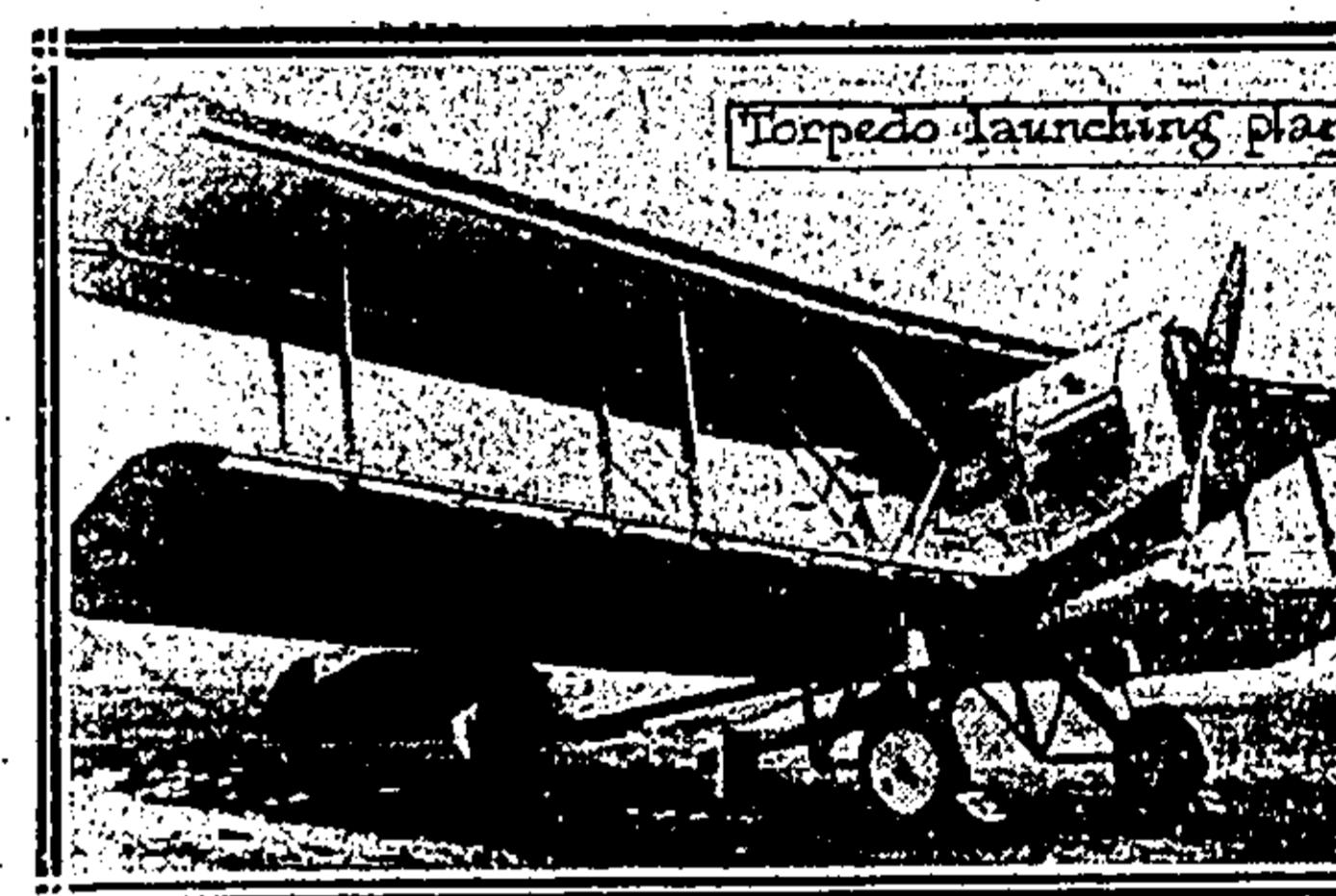
With Europe on the verge of a volcano, America's Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. Wainwright has started from Philadelphia and is touring the country to perfect War Department plans for industrial mobilization in the event of war.



Newspaper tugs, cruising outside America's 12 mile limit, report that a huge fleet of rum-running ships is at anchor there, unloading cargoes into small motor boats. These run the liquor ashore at night. The "Casago" is a typical rum-running vessel.



Babe Ruth, America's baseball king underwent a minor operation recently, for an abscess that has formed from a laceration on his left arm.



The first of the new torpedo-launching planes built by the Handley Page Company for the British Government has undergone successful tests at the Bourget (France). The four wing spreads are movable, in order to reduce the speed of the machine in the air and permit accurate launching of the torpedo. The motor of the plane is stopped over the target, and the machine becomes almost stationary until the torpedo is dropped, when the motor is started again.

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Hoang.

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Straits, Calcutta.

Straits, Ceylon.

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Letters 9 a.m.

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Tjikembang, Tjikembang.

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